



## Fire Marshal's Notice

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### State Fire Marshal Announces Amendments to the Texas Fire Extinguisher Rules

The following is a synopsis of some of the substantive changes to the Fire Extinguisher Rules. The Commissioner of Insurance, through the State Fire Marshal, has amended the Fire Extinguisher Rules in order to resolve inconsistencies within the rules, update obsolete statutory references, and clarify the intent of the rules to better reflect statutory purpose. The new rules took effect June 23, 2016 - Commissioner's Order No. 4542.

#### 28 TAC §§ 34.500 the Fire Extinguisher Rules (effective 6/23/2016)

- §34.510. **Certificates of Registration.** Establishes what constitutes an adequately equipped business vehicle to ensure that licensees are properly equipped for the services they provide.
- §34.514. **Applications.** Adds a requirement for the applicant to furnish, along with the application for a license, a copy of the applicant's criminal history report obtained through the Texas Department of Public Safety.
- §34.517.(a)(1) **Installation and Service.** Adds language that allows installation and servicing to comply with a standard adopted by the political subdivision in which the system is installed.
- §34.517.(h) **Installation and Service.** Requires that the service tag indicate temperature and quantity for fusible metal alloy fixed-temperature sensing elements.
- §34.517.(k) **Installation and Service.** New subsection (k) is added to address pre-engineered dry chemical fixed fire extinguishing systems requirements. This provision was previously in the section, but had been inadvertently deleted in an earlier rule adoption.
- §34.521.(a) **Red Tags.** Requires notification to the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) when corrections are made and a red tag removed or revised.
- §34.524 **Military Service Members, Military Veterans, or Military Spouses.** New section puts all military-related waivers and exemptions in one section so that affected persons are on notice that the provisions may apply to them.

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